



## WELCOME TO LAKE COUNTY!

Established on March 6, 1840, Lake County encompasses only 228.2 square miles of land, geographically the smallest county in Ohio, but ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in population with 229,582 residents according to 2012 Census estimates.

Our northern border consists of approximately 30 miles of Lake Erie shoreline, much of it accessible by the extensive park system, most significantly the largest natural sand beach in the state, which extends for a mile at the centrally located Mentor Headlands Beach State Park.

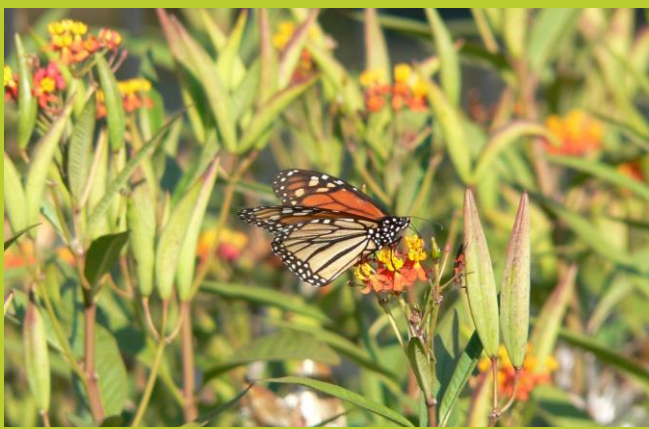
This coastal asset puts Lake County in an enviable position for wind energy and water-related activities, and its strategic access to both SR2 and I-90, as well as proximity to Hopkins International Airport in Cleveland, has drawn many entrepreneurs from the medical, electrical, adhesive products and other commercial and industrial fields to the area.

An available trained and competent workforce that is second to none in the region has been critical to that success, and Lakeland Community College, Lake Erie College, and Auburn Career Center offer opportunities for higher education and enrichment and a range of vocational programs that support and replenish that worker supply.

Recreational activities abound, including the beautiful Classic Park where fans can cheer the Cleveland Indians Class A Affiliate team, the Lake County Captains in an intimate setting, perfect for the family.



Historic Fairport Harbor Lighthouse at dusk



Irresistible flora at Holden Arboretum, Mentor



A night at the home of the Lake County Captains, Classic Park, Eastlake

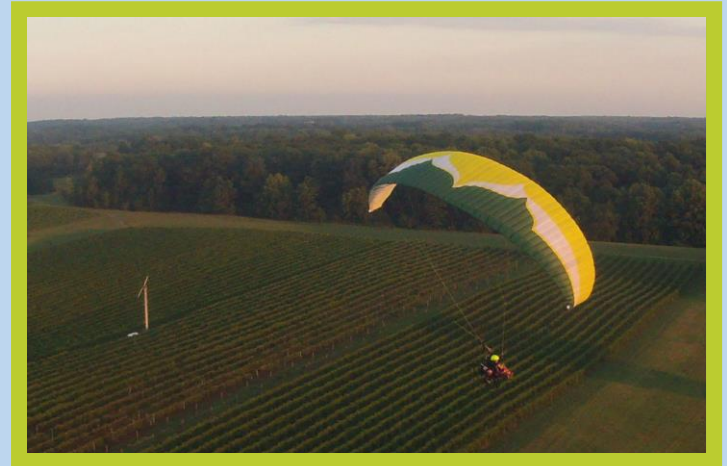


In addition, Lake County is host to three State Nature Preserves, the Arthur C. Holden Arboretum, and a park district, Lake Metroparks, comprised of 36 parks and 8,196 acres.

Lake County's reputation in agricultural circles is legendary. Blessed with some of the most fertile soil anywhere, the region earned the distinction as the Nursery Capital of the World, and our award-winning wine industry has ripened as an emerging tourism destination.

Our commercial, agricultural and industrial bases open many opportunities for a better quality of life and for economic growth.

Lake County boasts rich cultural heritage and traditions, bountiful natural resources, including two major rivers flowing through the County which provide us with harbors and marinas for shipping and superb recreational opportunities, strong labor and economic capital, committed leadership, and a diverse community of residents who embrace the region as their home with pride as have generations before them.



Gliding on gentle breezes over the rich Grand River Valley vineyards.

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